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12 April 1963

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. McGeorge Bundy
Special Assistant to the President
The White House

SUBJECT: Anti-Duvalier Activity and Projected Plan of Action
by Louis Dejoie

1. Under date of 2 April 1963, you received a memorandum from me, Subject: Haitian Exile Activity Against Duvalier Government. You will recall that in that memorandum we pointed out that the former Senator Louis Dejoie was not included in the Union Democratique Nationale grouping. Therefore, the recent activity in the United States and in the Dominican Republic of Louis Dejoie is presented herewith, although it originates with different sources than those which have been reporting on the activities of the UDN.

2. Dejoie is a mulatto businessman, formerly of large means in Haiti. He was an unsuccessful candidate for the Presidency in Haiti in 1957. He went into exile from Haiti in May 1958. He has participated in various abortive activities against the Duvalier Government since that time, including an effort over many months in 1959 to secure support from Castro for his armed return to Haiti. His representative

50X1, E.O.13526 and man of confidence is [redacted] The key element in Dejoie's activity over the past five years has been a preference to go it alone.

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3. During late March and early April 1963, Dejoie was in Santo Domingo. He had given a mandate in writing to [] New York City, as his political representative and negotiator with full powers to enter and to make any agreement or arrangement deemed advantageous in the planning and formation of a Haitian provisional government.

4. Dejoie is convinced that the Duvalier Government can be overthrown easily by an armed coup de main. He claims to be a close and intimate friend of Juan Bosch and to have had a promise of support from Bosch even before Bosch's election as Dominican President. However, Dejoie prefers private financing of his preparations for an armed movement against Duvalier in order to guarantee his own personal direction and control of the action. [] has followed that line in his contacts in the United States with American businessmen and potential investors.

5. Dejoie and [] are in the process of forming what they call a "provisional government". Dejoie has chosen three men, unidentified, one of whom will be President. Dejoie plans to remain behind the scene and to direct the activity. In this manner, once the Duvalier Government is overthrown, a provisional anti-Duvalier Government will be established in the form of a council. Neither Dejoie nor [] assertedly, will have anything to do with the former President, Magloire. Dejoie asserts that General Kebrau, the former Haitian Chief of Staff, is now one of his supporters.

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6. We have in our possession a summary statement by Dejoie and Bolte of the estimated logistic requirements of an armed coup against Duvalier.

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7. In following up Dejoie's preference for private financing, 50X1, E.O.13526 [] has attempted to develop contacts into undefined American business circles in New York who would be in a position to offer immediate financial support in order to secure a firm basis for a long-range guaranteed investment program in Haiti after the Duvalier Government is overthrown.

8. In pursuing these conversations with Americans in late March 50X1, E.O.13526 and early April, [] under Dejoie's general direction, is prepared to give the following guarantees after the overthrow of the Duvalier regime:

- a. Hotels. Immediate concession for the building of two luxury hotels with a guarantee that no other hotels would be built for a three to five-year period in the Haitian capital.
- b. Casino. A fifty-fifty split, with the Haitian Government having complete control over income, and all taxes have to be paid as required by law. The Casino would also be required to make use of as much local Haitian personnel as possible.
- c. Other Grants and Privileges as would be fair and

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proper. (This category presumably refers to unspecified industrial projects.) Dejoie intended to personally underwrite this assurance of contacts and concessions against an advance of funds to finance his program.

9. Dejoie was expecting a visit in Santo Domingo from representatives of American interests on or about 2 April who have been in touch with Bolte on these matters.

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10. Dejoie and [] assure their complete support of the QAS and indicate that they would desire immediate recognition from the United States. They claim they have received assurances from Betancourt and that they are in contact with all worthwhile Haitian exiles in the United States.

11. [] has acknowledged that years ago he and Dejoie sought financial support in Castro Cuba for their anti-Duvalier activity. According to [] it had become clear very soon from what Che Guevara told them that any support given would put them under firm Communist control. As a consequence, Dejoie broke off and will now have nothing to do with the Castro Cubans.

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12. According to [] Dejoie has lost his property in Haiti and has very little money left abroad. Dejoie has spent more than \$200,000 from his personal funds in carrying on the fight against Duvalier.

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Richard Helms
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